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Applicant: Douglas A. NEWBERG Conf.: Unknown
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For: SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE STERILE SAMPLE
COLLECTION AND ISOLATION

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 11, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement dated October 23, 2001, the period for response having been extended two (2) months to January 23, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following election and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Applicant hereby elects Group II, consisting of claims 10-21 for initial examination in this application. This election is with traverse.

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are currently being prosecuted in the present application. The Examiner is respectively requested to reconsider the restriction requirement in view of the remarks as set forth hereinbelow.